



## Agency Board Meeting 18 February 2020

Board Report Number: SEPA 03/20

### Corporate Performance Report Quarter Three 2019-2020

<b>Summary:</b>	<p>We present the third quarterly corporate performance report of this financial year, covering October-December 2019.</p> <p>The report describes progress made on the performance measures set out at the back of our <a href="#">2019-2020 Annual Operating Plan</a>.</p> <p>We have achieved target in three measures this quarter, and four year to date. For the remaining measures we have indicated how confident the measure owner is in achieving the measure by the end of the year. We have high confidence we will achieve 12 of the remaining measures and low confidence we will achieve one of them.</p>
<b>Risks:</b>	<p>There is one risk on the corporate risk register relevant to this report: The impact of the UK leaving the EU reduces our ability to deliver against our statutory purpose and actions and targets set out in our Corporate Plan and Annual Operating Plan.</p>
<b>Resource and Staffing Implications:</b>	<p>Measure 3 has moved to low confidence as the work to develop new permit templates is proving more challenging than expected. We are rescoping the resource required to deliver this work.</p>
<b>Equality:</b>	<p>Examples of the work we are doing to embed equality and human rights in all our work are included in the Chief Executive's Report to the Board and the Annual Report and Accounts.</p>
<b>Environmental and Carbon Impact:</b>	<p>Progress towards decreasing our greenhouse gas emissions is described in measure 15.</p>
<b>Purpose and audience of the report:</b>	<p>For information. Agency Management Team, Agency Board, Scottish Government and Public.</p>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<p>Craig Ballantyne, Junior Business Consultant Kelly Mathewson, Senior Business Consultant Jo Green, Chief Officer, Performance &amp; Innovation</p>
<b>Appendix:</b>	<p>SEPA Quarter Three Corporate Performance Report</p>

## SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY

**Corporate Performance Report Quarter Three 2019-2020****1. Introduction**

This is the third quarterly performance report describing progress towards the measures set out in our Annual Operating Plan 2019-2020.

The measures are described briefly in this report but at the top of each page there is a hyperlink to a [document](#) which provides more detail about each of them.

**2. Performance**

At the end of December we have met four measures and have high confidence that we are on track to achieve another twelve. We have low confidence that we will achieve one measure.

Areas of significant progress this quarter include:

**Measure 2: Sustainable Growth Agreements.** We have met our target to agree at least two Sustainable Growth Agreements to showcase low carbon innovation. We signed the [Sustainable Growth Agreement with Midlothian Council and Shawfair LLP](#) this quarter in addition to the [Leven Programme Partnership Sustainable Growth Agreement](#) which was signed in July 2019.

**Measure 8: Make the waste sector less attractive to criminals.** We have now met our target to use intelligence to tackle at least three significant illegal waste sites.

**Measure 10: Water environment – Fish barriers.** We have met our target to develop partnerships at least two historic barriers (River Leven barriers 1 and 2), and to progress at least three projects to design or onsite groundworks initiation (four projects now meet this criteria).

**Measure 6: Make the waste sector less attractive to criminals.** This measure has returned to high confidence from medium as the internal training required has now been developed and is due to be rolled out in February. That means we will be able to carry out targeted duty of care inspections in March as originally planned.

**Measure 15: Greenhouse gas emissions.** Our emissions continue to be lower than the same period last year. Transport emissions have fallen by 19.5% and emissions from electricity and gas in our buildings fell by 11.5%.

The measure where our confidence is low is:

**Measure 3: Clearer permits.** This measure has moved to low confidence as the work to develop new permit templates is proving more challenging than was originally expected. We continue to engage with all relevant parties and have published a further consultation this quarter. Rescope work is underway but we will not achieve this measure this year.

**3. Recommendations**

The Agency Board is asked to note and comment on the contents of the report.

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<p>We have achieved this measure. This quarter we signed a <a href="#">Sustainable Growth Agreement with Midlothian Council and Shawfair LLP</a> that showcases low carbon innovation. Shawfair is a new development in Midlothian. One of the biggest features of the settlement will be a low carbon district heating system. General principles of the development’s design and layout will protect space for district heating pipe runs to ensure this key component of Shawfair can be undertaken.</p> <p>This target is now achieved as we also signed the Leven Programme Partnership Sustainable Growth Agreement in July 2019. As part of this agreement we will work with partners to establish tools and projects which will demonstrate how the Leven community can move from having been a high carbon community in the past, to being a low carbon community of the future.</p> <p>A potential breakthrough partnership could also be delivered by the end of the financial year. In addition, we are working towards several other Sustainable Growth Agreements that will also showcase low carbon initiatives and innovation.</p>												

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				Project scoping	✓	Project scoping is now complete. All available data from rain gauges and river flows has been reviewed and quality-checked. We have completed survey work to identify locations for new gauges.
				Commissioning modelling contract	✓	This is complete. A modelling contract has been awarded to JBA Consulting.
				Feasibility Study	✓	This is complete. JBA Consulting has produced the report which details the approach that will be taken.
				Model development	In progress but slightly delayed	We are waiting on the final models which should be received in early January. There was an issue with the Lower Irvine model which includes the Lower Annick Water. Our project team is working with the consultant to fix this and we remain confident of meeting our targets.
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